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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 through 1.99 and pursuant to applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, applicant respectfully brings the following documents listed in the attached from PTO-1449, to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application. Copies of the listed documents is provided herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed no later than three months from the application's filing date and/or before the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits, whichever is later.

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It is respectfully requested that the documents be considered by the Examiner and formally made of record in this application.

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